

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114*

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/25/08 has been entered.

### *Priority*

2. Submission of the translation of the foreign language applications (KR 2003-0049075 and KR 2003-0049076) filed 7/18/2003 is acknowledged.

### *Election/Restrictions*

3. Claims 1-4, 11 and 12 are allowable. The restriction requirement between Embodiments 1-7, as set forth in the Office action mailed on 3/14/05, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Therefore, claims 5 and 12-15 have been rejoined.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Wayne Helge on 4/15/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

**In the Claims:** Cancel claims 7-10 and 16-33.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 1-5 and 11-15 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Neither the single reference Ueda (US PG-Pub 2002/0125535) nor the combined references of Yamazaki (USPN 6,506,635) and Kunii (JP 7-263705) teach a flat panel display comprising a thin film transistor in a pixel array portion including a first source/drain region directly contacting a first channel region, a second source/drain region directly contacting a second channel region, and an offset region, and wherein the offset region directly contacts the first channel region and the second

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channel region (independent claims 1, 3 and 11). The above limitations in combination with other claim limitations are not taught or fairly suggested by the prior art nor would it be obvious to modify the references of record so as to yield a flat panel of the instant application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ahmed Sefer whose telephone number is (571)272-1921.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sue Purvis can be reached on (571) 272-1236.

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